



# COUNTRYSIDE POLICE

## CRIME ALERT

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The Countryside Police Department has been alerted to the following criminal activity in our area:

We have learned of a recent trend regarding credit card fraud, primarily targeting Victoria's Secret retail stores, but would like to make you aware of it as well.

Suspects have discovered a flaw when using the store credit card readers. Suspects wrap a receipt/paper around the gift/credit card or use a card with no strip and then swipe it three times. This defaults the reader and allows the customer to enter a card number manually on the key pad. Suspects then enter a stolen or fraudulent card number on the key pad to make the purchase.

Although the Countryside Police Department has not taken any reports of this nature, we feel the information in this alert may help deter criminal activity at your business.

Remember, any suspicious activity should be reported to the Countryside Police Department by dialing 9-1-1.

**This information is being provided to make you aware of suspicious or criminal activity in the Countryside area. Please review this alert and take appropriate action.**

Any questions can be directed to Deputy Chief Scott Novak at (708) 352-2171.